PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Prior Application:

Wen-Cheng TSENG et al.

Art Unit: 2182

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Examiner: Rehana Perveen

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For: NETWORK DEVICE HAVING A FELXIBLE EEPORM FOR SETTING

CONFIGURATION SETTINGS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 22, 2004

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below. This Preliminary Amendment complies with the amendment format as set forth in 68 Fed. Reg. 38611 dated June 30, 2003.

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